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SUBJ: FITZGERALD AGAIN THREATENS TO BLOCK PARIS SUMMIT

REF: DUBLIN 1595

1. DURING TALK WITH JOURNALISTS IN BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 11, FONMIN
FITZGERALD AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT IRELAND MIGHT NOT AGREE TO PARIS
SUMMIT UNLESS EC PROMISES TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH REGIONAL
POLICY. THIS REINFORCES THREAT IN FONMIN'S FOREIGN POLICY STATE-
MENT LAST WEEK (REFTEL). WE DO NOT KNOW HOW OTHER EUROPEAN
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JOURNALISTS PLAYED THIS, BUT DUBLIN PRESS, WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAS GOOD

ACCESS, PORTRAYS FITZGERALD AS DETERMINED. HE ALSO CLAIMS THAT ITALY HAS ADOPTED SAME POSITION AND THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WILL MAINTAIN THEIR RESERVATIONS TO A SUMMIT UNTIL AT LEAST NOVEMBER 25, WHEN ANOTHER MEETING OF FONMINS IS SCHEDULED. BRITAIN, HOWEVER, IS SAID TO BE AT ODDS WITH ITALIAN AND IRISH POSITIONS.

2. COMMENT: WE STILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT IRELAND WOULD BLOCK SUMMIT DESIRED BY FRANCE. ITALIAN SUPPORT, HOWEVER, OBVIOUSLY WOULD GREATLY INCREASE LEVERAGE DURING PRE-SUMMIT NEGOTIATIONS. OUTCOME OF THIS CASE WILL BE INTERESTING, AS IT IS FIRST TIME THAT IRELAND HAS UNDERTAKEN A MAJOR EC CAMPAIGN WITHOUT VISIBLE FRENCH ENCOURAGEMENT. WE WOULD ASSUME THAT REGIONAL POLICY WILL BE A LEADING ITEM IN DISCUSSION WHEN FRENCH PRIME MINISTER AND FONMIN VISIT DUBLIN NOVEMBER 14/15 (SEPTEL).
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